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REMARKS

Regarding the telephone interview of February 24, 2004, Claims 1 and 17 were discussed with respect to US Patent 3,707,271. It was agreed that the Applicant would amend Claims 1 and 17 to further include a reference to a "flat surface" in connection with the "card body" element of each claim. Such amendment has now been filed. Applicant believes that the structure of the claims, as presently amended, distinguish over the art of record.

The Examiner questioned the reference to a "bag" in Claim 17 with regard to 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph.

Applicant believes that Claims 1 and 17 distinctly claim the invention as required by §112. The "bag" is recited in the preamble of both Claims 1 and 17 and is later referred to in both Claims 1 and 17. The "bag" is not an element of the hanger and therefore is not recited as such. Considering Claims 1 and 17 together, the elements of the hanger are not seen to have utility alone or in other and different combinations. Accordingly, Claims 1 and 17 do not support the factors that are necessary for Claims 1 and 17 to be "distinct" according to MPEP §806.05(c) such that they offer a different combination or sub-combination.

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In accordance with the forgoing comments and in view of the prior amendments to Claims 1 and 17, Claims 1-32 are considered to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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